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## ARBEITER LADIES' OFFICERS.

The Arbeiter ladies held their annual meeting Thursday evening and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Christina Giffel; vice-president, Mrs. Louise Hein; secretary, Mrs. Emma Meiers; treasurer, Mrs. Marie Schultz; cashier, Mrs. Minnie Marks.

## BARNES' CASE TO BE APPEALED

An appeal to the supreme court will be taken by the defense in the alienation case of Irene against Katherine Barnes, of Morrice, which resulted in a judgment of \$2,500 for the plaintiff. Matthews & Hicks who represent Mrs. Katherine Barnes state a stay of proceeding of 20 days, was obtained by Mrs. Katherine Barnes' attorney as soon as the verdict was rendered.

## MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TO MEET IN OWOSSO.

Officers and directors of the Michigan League of Municipalities will hold their winter meeting in Owosso on Wednesday, Dec. 15, it is announced by City Clerk Lucas, who is secretary of the league.

The meeting is for the purpose of going over legislative measures which the league plans to try to put through the legislature at the next session, and to prepare for the annual convention next summer.

The Merchants' Civic club will entertain the city's guests at luncheon Wednesday noon.

## MASQUERADE PARTY MUCH ENJOYED.

A most pleasant social event was the masquerade party given at the armory Dec. 1, by Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Sackrider, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mulaney, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Driscoll. The hosts and hostesses were cleverly attired in clown suits, which carried out the color scheme of red and white.

The armory was very prettily decorated. Red and white streamers shut off the gallery and served as a canopy. The room was lighted with six shower lights, with red and white streamers hanging as pendants. A row of Christmas trees, appropriately decorated and illuminated, had been placed across the stage.

About 275 guests enjoyed the program of the evening. A two-course luncheon was served by 10 girls at 10 o'clock. A number of feature dances were greatly appreciated. Among these were a Robber dance and a carnation whistle dance.

## LAVEROCK WILL TO BE INTERPRETED.

Attorneys have argued the petition of Mrs. James H. Laverock of Owosso, for an interpretation by the court on the will of her late husband. Heirs of Mrs. Laverock are contesting the case.

The will of Mr. Laverock, drawn by himself, gave Mrs. Laverock the use of the estate, with permission to sell or carry on the business, as she pleased. At her death it provided that the estate was to go to several heirs.

Mrs. Laverock and her attorneys declare that this phraseology is inconsistent, asserting that she couldn't sell property belonging to the estate and then divide it. They claim that the will should have provided that after she had done as she wished to with the estate, that the remainder was to be divided.

Miner & Miner represent Mrs. Laverock and Matthews & Hicks appear for the heirs.

## Considering Personal Distribution Of Milk.

Milk distribution plants, owned and operated by the producers, is one of the possibilities that loom as the result of the cut in the price to the producer. This developed at the meeting of producers of this county, for the purpose of going over the dairy situation, resulting from the cut to \$1.90 per 100 pounds, with 30 cents out for hauling.

The state milk producers' association has raised a fund of over \$40,000 and a committee representing that body is investigating the workings of farm-owned distribution plants in the east.

Figures submitted at last night's meeting by several producers, showed that in selling milk at \$1.90 per 100 pounds, farmers were actually losing money.

The suggestion that farmers turn to making butter instead of selling their milk at the reduced price, was discarded for the reason that they feared this would flood the market and cause a big reduction in butter prices.

Wilman Miner of Detroit, was the guest of his parents, Judge and Mrs. S. S. Miner this week. The latter left Thursday morning for California to spend the winter. They will spend the week-end in Chicago as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Green.

## Inventory of Shiawassee County's Belongings.

The inventory committee newly created by the Board of Supervisors, is at work taking an inventory of all property belonging to the county. The committee worked Wednesday at the county farm before it finished its work it will have made a complete list of all county belongings, with the value of each.

This is the first time that a complete inventory of the county's possessions has been made.

## Asked to Donate Holstein Bulls to France

Shiawassee county breeders of pure bred Holstein cattle are being asked by the national association to contribute to a total of 1,000 pure bred bulls to be donated to France to help re-stock that war-devastated nation. Michigan's quota is 100. James Hopson of New Haven township, has already signified his intention to give one bull. He is the first in the county to do so.

## LITTLE MONEY FOR COUNTY CAMPAIGNS.

The landslide which the Republicans scored in Shiawassee county in the last election, was not at all expensive, according to the report of campaign expenses, filed with County Clerk Burnett, by Gilbert L. Taylor, treasurer of the county committee. The total cost was \$432.93, the report shows.

This money was spent for advertising, printing, bands, rental of halls and incidentals. A balance of \$158 was on hand when the campaign opened and the rest was contributed mostly by candidates.

## VETERANS BANQUETED.

About 150 persons were present at the banquet tendered to the members of the G. A. R. and the Spanish War Veterans and their wives by the American Legion and its Auxiliary, Monday. The banquet was prepared by the ladies of the Auxiliary and served by the men of the Legion. When all had satisfied their hunger, Leon F. Miner as toastmaster, called on a number of those present for short speeches. A solo rendered by C. C. Duff was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Helen Ticknor, who has been a member of the Nichols home, 615 North Ball street, left Wednesday for the Odd Fellows and Rebekah's Home at Jackson, Mich. "Auntie" Ticknor will carry with her the best wishes of a host of friends.

## Gleaners Discuss Farm Problems.

Declaring that the farmers are on their farms to make a living and if possible a profit, Grant Slocum, of Detroit, president and founder of the Order of Gleaners, scored those persons who believe that a farmer should be content with the beauties of nature, in his address at the afternoon session of the rally in Genesee, Clinton and Shiawassee County Gleaners at the armory Friday afternoon. Mr. Slocum brought out the dependency of the cities upon the country, in that the city could not live without the country, while the country could live without the city.

H. F. Wheaton, of Elkton, spoke on the problems confronting the farmers of today. Mr. Wheaton introduced himself as the man who began the first Gleaner elevator. He believed that the foremost problem of the present day farmers is that of organization. He dwelled on the injustice of the present methods of financing and distributing agricultural products. He claimed that collective, cooperative and profit-sharing enterprises were necessary. He spoke in favor of the abolishment of individual control of the means of distributing farm produce. Mr. Wheaton discussed the present condition of the women on the farms, saying that it is necessary to improve these. He also reviewed the work of the Gleaners' organization, especially that of the insurance department and the Gleaner clearing house.

The meeting was opened by a reading by Miss Lucile Cole, of Lansing, followed by "America," sung by the entire assembly. Rev. H. A. Waite gave the invocation, after which a solo was rendered by Orrin Jennings. Mayor A. T. Wright gave the address of welcome and was answered by Mrs. McArthur, of the Prosper Arbor. E. F. Hayward then gave a solo, and readings were given by Mr. Hayward and Miss Lucile Bellamy, of Ionia. Miss Lucy McDonald, of Owosso, gave an excellent piano solo. The meeting was closed by a comic drama by the Morrice Arbor.

Mrs. E. L. Carr was the hostess of the Wednesday Afternoon Five Hundred Club at her home on North Shiawassee street, Dec. 8. The prizes were awarded to Mrs. George Frischke and Mrs. Thomas Laby. Mrs. Conrad Falkenberg will entertain the club at her home on West Williams street, Dec. 28.



My papa works in a lumber camp  
In the land of Christmas trees,  
And he wrote to me,  
I wish you could see  
Such Christmas trees as these!  
In the swamp so cold, in the swamp so damp,  
There are cedars green and great,  
There are pines so high  
That they touch the sky,  
There are hemlocks slim and straight.

THEY smile to the moon, they sing to the star,  
They nod to the passing breeze,  
And every bough  
Wears diamonds now,  
In the land of Christmas trees.  
O wonderful land in the north woods far,  
O wonderful, beautiful land!  
In my cot so white  
I dream at night  
Of the forest green and grand.

My mama says that the snow that lies  
In the land where the great trees grow  
Is like the spread  
On my little bed  
Where at night to sleep I go,  
That underneath with tight-shut eyes  
The flowers are slumbering—  
There snug and warm  
From the winter storm  
They wait for the call of spring.

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO BE TAKEN UP.

A special meeting of the members of the First Congregational church, has been called for Sunday morning, Dec. 19, to vote on a resolution which would create a board of religious education, within the church.

Calling of the meeting follows a series of weekly discussions by Rev. Walter Denny, pastor of the church, of the problem of proper religious education for both children and grown-ups. In this series, the pastor has impressed upon his hearers the inadequacy of the present system of religious education as it obtains in Protestant churches generally, and has outlined his beliefs, reached after much study and thought, as to the best way to accomplish the greatest good along this line. He points out that much of the work done at present, is only superficial, aimless, and lacks system.

Under the system which he proposes, a board of six adult members would be created and would be in control of the religious educational work in the church and Sunday school. A director of religious education would be named to be in direct control of this work. The work of the various departments would be so planned that the overlapping that is now one of the faults of religious education in Protestant churches, would be done away with.

## VICTORY MEDALS.

### A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor.

I am advised that a considerable number of the men entitled to Victory Medals have not made application for them, and I have been requested to urge all county, city and township authorities of the State, to do everything in their power to bring this matter to the attention of the men concerned.

Applications from Western Michigan should be sent to the Army Recruiting Officer at 211 Monroe avenue, Grand Rapids, and those from Eastern Michigan should go to the corresponding officer at 215 Woodward avenue, Detroit.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby request the officials above named to do what they can to stimulate the placing of applications for Victory Medals.

Given under my hand at the Capitol in Lansing, this 30th day of November, 1920.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER,  
Governor.

## Owosso Masonic Lodge Officers.

At the regular meeting Wednesday night of Owosso Lodge No. 81, F. & A. M., the following officers were elected:

Worshipful Master—L. F. Miner.  
Senior Warden—R. W. Hall.  
Junior Warden—C. A. McCall.  
Treasurer—A. D. Allitt.  
Secretary—H. L. Crosby.  
Senior Deacon—J. H. Guther.  
Junior Deacon—G. Hume Martin.  
Sentinel—Milton Crowe.  
Member Temple Association—A. M. Hume.

House Committee—W. E. Zimmerman, H. W. Haub, F. H. Williams. Eight petitioners were elected to membership and fourteen petitions received. The past year has been an active and prosperous one.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONIC OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the annual meeting Friday night of Owosso Chapter No. 89, R. A. M. the following officers were elected:

High Priest—Roy G. Spiess.  
King—E. T. Wager.  
Scribe—E. F. Conant.  
Treasurer—G. E. Perkins.  
Secretary—Wm. Worden.  
Captain of Host—W. J. Hasslu.  
Principal Sojourner—W. E. Zimmerman.

Royal Arch Captain—Charles Jeffords.

Master Third Veil—S. M. Campbell.

Master Second Veil—A. D. Whipple.

Master First Veil—Clement Hobbs.

Sentinel—Victor Hollis.

Member Templar Ass'n.—Fred Randolph.

Pianist—J. B. McIntosh.

## Henderson I. O. O. F. Election.

At the last meeting of Henderson I. O. O. F. No. 153, the following officers were elected:

N. G.—S. D. Morris.  
V. G.—A. B. A. Winters.  
Recording Secretary—E. G. Wiloughby.  
Financial Secretary—Leon Smith.  
Treasurer—M. W. Jones.  
Trustee—Harry Coy.

Charles Hart, of New Haven, has appealed to the circuit court from the decision of Justice Friegel of Owosso, awarding L. C. Hall a judgment of \$83 in a note held by Mr. Hall against Hart.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### A SHAKE-UP IS NEEDED.

Washington, Dec. 7.—(Special correspondence)—With farmers selling their hogs, cattle, hides and sheep at pre-war levels, the meat consumers of the country are still paying war prices for meat to eat. This situation arouses State Fair Price Commissioner Frank B. McCain, of Pennsylvania, to ask, "How long will the retailer of beef pursue his profiteering practices and how long will the public patiently permit itself to be plundered by the vendors at retail of this commodity?" The question is a pertinent one and the answer involves much for the future of food production in the United States.

As to the general facts, there is no room for doubt. For months farmers have been unable to sell their hides, and according to a recent dispatch in the Boston News Bureau, many a hide has been thrown away because it could not be sold. Yet reduction in the retail price of shoes is more in the advertisements than in the prices paid by the wearer. Farmers are selling their cattle at less than the cost of the feed taken to raise them—sometimes for about half the cost of the feed—yet the housewife who goes to the market must pay full war-time prices for a slice of meat for the frying pan or a chunk for the roasting oven. There is possibly a partial defense for the continued high price of shoes, for the shoe dealer bought his stock at previous costs; but meat is a commodity that passes from the farm to the meat block within a very few days, if not hours. Somewhere between the farm and the consumer there is extortion that would put Shylock to the blush.

The greatest evil of this situation lies not in the wrong to the present producer or the present consumer, but in the certainty that such a condition will curtail production of food animals and bring on a shortage later—a shortage that will mean not only want of food but industrial loss incident to under-production. The farmer who finds livestock unprofitable in a year when city consumers are paying from 30 cents to a dollar a pound for various cuts of meat, will see little hope for the future of his industry. He will sell his breeding animals in order to avoid further loss, and the nation will suffer from the diminution of supply.

Naturally the farmer charges his loss to the man to whom he sells, for he expects the buyer to pay him the price commensurate with the price the consumer pays. Whether the buyer from the farmer is in fact at fault, may be a question, but there is no doubt that a large part of the farmer's resentment is against the man with whom he directly deals. That man, therefore, in his own future interest, owes it to the farmer to help locate the actual point of profiteering and help remedy the situation.

To some extent, as intimated by Mr. McCain, the consumer has it in his power to bring down the price of meat by refusing to buy at the prices charged, but that movement would be of no help to the farmer, who must have a living price or go out of business. There is a double problem presented—to adjust the intermediate margins of profit in such a manner as to enable the farmer to get back the cost of production and a fair profit, and enable the consumer to get meat at a reasonable price.

Until the responsibility for the divergence of prices is definitely fixed, both farmers and consumers will look with suspicion upon all who handle the commodity from the time it leaves the producer until it reaches the consumer.

## ROYAL NEIGHBORS ELECT OFFICERS.

The newly elected officers of the Royal Neighbors are: Oricle, Della Harrison; P. Oricle, Barbara Munbaird; vice Oricle, Anna Lowery; recorder, Edith Guther; receiver, Clara Woodworth; chancellor, Clara Duff; marshal, Blanch Gerard; inner sentinel, Mary Reckling; outer sentinel, Marie Schultz; manager for three years, Sarah Brown; pianist, Minnie Smith.

## ELKS LODGE OF SORROW.

Owosso lodge of Elks Sunday afternoon paid tribute to the memory of their deceased brothers, when the annual lodge of sorrow was held at the temple. Many Elks and friends of the deceased brothers were present.

The general eulogy was delivered by J. J. Noon, past exalted ruler of Jackson lodge. He dwelt at length upon the principles and teachings of the order. O. H. Voelker delivered the special eulogy, which was a beautiful tribute.

Musical numbers were rendered by Miss Tessie Newman and Benjamin Robbins.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Of Shiawassee County.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1920

At a regular session of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shiawassee, commenced and held at the Court House in the City of Corunna in said county on Monday, October 11, A. D. 1920.

The Board was called to order by the Chairman.

Roll was called by the Clerk.  
Present: Supr's. Abel, Brown, Case, Chase, Colby, Corey, Coy, Dewey, Doane, Groat, Hanchett, Kira, Lawcock, Redmond, Shippee, Simeon, Urch, Vincent, Wert and Woodbury, 20.

The Clerk presented to the Board the report of the Jail Inspectors as follows:

Report of Inspectors of Jails for the County of Shiawassee, of inspection made Sept. 24, 1920:

To Hon. Board of Supervisors, and The State Board of Corrections and Charities:

The undersigned Inspectors of Jails for the County of Shiawassee, in compliance with the provisions of law (Sections 2537-2542, Compiled Laws 1915), respectfully report:

That on the 24th day of Sept., 1920, they visited and carefully inspected the County Jail of said County, and found as follows:

I. That during the period since the last required report and the date of this examination, there has been confined at different times 195 prisoners charged with offenses as follows:

Offense	Male	Female	Whole
Disorderly	21	2	23
Bastardy	3	3	6
Illegal Cohabitation	2	2	4
Larceny	25	1	26
Gaming	3	3	6
In House of Prostitution	1	1	2
Cruelty to Animals	2	2	4
Vagrancy	34	34	68
Begging	1	1	2
Assault and Battery	8	8	16
Non Support	2	2	4
Resisting Officer	1	1	2
Violation of Auto Law	5	5	10
Violation Probation	8	8	16
Statutory Rape	5	5	10
Desertion	3	3	6
Forgery	6	6	12
	123	7	130

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Adultery .....	2		2
Drunk .....	12		12
V. Cigaret Law .....	1		1
V. School Law .....	3		3
Contempt of Court .....	7 <sup>o</sup>		7
Perjury .....	2		2
Indecent Liberty .....	1		1
V. Liquor Law .....	16		16
Desertion from Navy .....	1		1
Receiving Stolen Property .....	1		1
Unlawfully driving auto. ....	5		5
Intoxicated driving auto. ....	5		5
Stealing ride on train .....	4		4
Prostitution .....		2	2
Slander .....	1		1
Embezzlement .....	1		1
Concealed Weapons .....	1		1
	63	2	65

II. There are now in jail detained for trial, 8.

There are now in jail serving sentence, 3.

There are now in jail awaiting sentence, 0.

There are now in jail awaiting commitment, 0.

Number now in jail—male 11, female 0; total 11.

Number of above who are under seventeen years of age, 0.

Prisoners detained for trial have been held in jail the following number of days each:

One for 10 days, 1 for 8 days, 1 for 2 days, 2 for 2 days, 1 for 25 days, and 2 for 11 days each.

Prisoners awaiting commitment have been held since sentence the following number of days each, 0.

III. Number usually confined in one room by day, 9.

Number usually confined in one room by night, 1.

IV. Employment. None at present.

V. Condition of bedding, Good.

Condition of cells, Good.

Condition of halls, Good.

Condition of water closets, Good.

VI. What distinction if any, is made in the treatment of prisoners? [Between those only held for trial and those serving sentence, etc.] None.

VII. Are prisoners under sixteen years of age at any time, day or night, permitted to mingle or associate with adult prisoners in violation of Section 7224, Compiled Laws 1915? No.

VIII. Are prisoners arrested on civil process kept in rooms separate from those serving sentence? (Continued on page six.)